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INDIGNATION AT BAD STREETS, MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION WILL TAKE THE MATTER UP

Loud and indignant howls are heard in the business center of the town today over the condition of the streets. They are worse by far than for many years past, and according to the views expressed by merchants, the result will be a demand which the supervisors will not be able to resist, that improvement be made at once. Even that portion of Fort street which has just been given bitulthic pavement is muddied in places, because of the mud carried from the unpaved portion in the center, where the Rapid Transit company's tracks are, and from the adjoining blocks.

"These streets are a disgrace to Honolulu," was a common remark today. During the early morning hours cars were sent round by the road department with a force of men to shovel the mud into them and wagon loads of it were carried away. This made lit-

tle improvement, and King street, Fort street, Hotel and Bethel remained covered with mud puddles.

The condition of the main business streets made them quite dangerous for large automobiles and the most careful driving was necessary to avoid skidding into sidewalks, posts or other vehicles.

More than \$18,000 per month has been spent on the roads in the city and county during the two years ending with next week, and there is much severe criticism of the failure to improve the conditions of the streets in the business center.

The matter will be taken up at a meeting of the Merchants' Association to be held next week, it is stated, and an emphatic expression is likely to be made in favor of immediate improvement of the streets in the shopping district.

KUHIO GOING, WILL OPPOSE FREAR

Delegate Kuhio is leaving for Washington to be there in time for the reopening of Congress after the holidays. According to political rumors the delegate will probably do some lively politics during the coming session. Kuhio is reported to have a political axe out for Governor Frear, whose term expires next June, and it is said that if Frear is re-appointed it will not be with the endorsement or approval of Kuhio.

Kuhio and the governor openly took different sides recently in the matter of selection of a collector of internal revenue, and Kuhio has expressed himself somewhat bitterly over the action of the governor in making a recommendation of Rothwell without consulting Kuhio. The delegate's friends lay the blame for the Cottrill appointment on Frear's action, while others declare that the blame should be laid on Kuhio, Holstein and the Republican committee for failing to agree.

That Kuhio himself would like to be governor is common talk, but it is not known whether he intends to seek the place. He has not declared that he wants to quit his present job to take it, as far as is known. But his attitude towards Frear is taken to mean that the latter will not have any help from him in getting a second term.

Kuhio will probably be in Washington before the confirmation of Cottrill, and may take a hand in that matter also, but it is thought by some that it is not advisable now for Hawaii to attempt to have Taft's choice turned down.

OVERTHROW OF DIAS GOVERNMENT IS PREDICTED

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, December 24.—Conditions in Mexico are still very serious, and the rebel forces are much encouraged by their recent partial successes. It is said that they are gaining many recruits.

The Associated Press correspondent here has sent a cable predicting a crushing revolt, which will overthrow the Diaz government, within a month or two.

MAUI IN BETTER CONDITION

There have been two more cases of diphtheria in Maui during the week but as one of these is in a family that has been affected already, it is supposed that the infection was carried in this way. Mr. Charlock in his report received today spoke very hopefully, and judging by the tone of it, Dr. Pratt thinks that the end is in sight now. The examination of people leaving, however, has not been discontinued but it is anticipated that if matters proceed as well as they have been going, then it will be possible to forego this formality within a week or so.

There have been no fresh cases of valloloid, and it is believed that the prompt measures taken have been the means of arresting the spread of this disease. The Filipinos who were attacked had only arrived but a short time when the sickness was observed, and it is supposed that as they had not had much opportunity of mingling with the other laborers that they have not spread it at all. It is hoped that the infection has been confined to the spot at which the disease broke out but every precaution is being taken to prevent its spread.

WILL NOT TAKE JURISDICTION

This morning Judge Robertson gave his decision in the case of Chock Sing vs. Robert Breckons. This was a suit for \$10,000 damages for alleged trespass by the District Attorney in his search for concealed opium on the premises of the plaintiff. The District Attorney wished the case to be tried in the Federal Court on the grounds that it was a federal matter. Andrews, who appeared for Chock Sing, however, contended that it was a territorial matter, and accordingly should be tried in the Circuit Court. It was to determine this point that Judge Robertson was appealed to. In his decision this morning he ruled that the Federal court had no jurisdiction, and, therefore, held that the case should be tried in the Circuit Court. Thayer, who appeared for Breckons, gave notice of appeal.

RAILROAD WRECK IN ENGLAND.
KIRKEY, England, December 24.—Eight persons were killed and twenty-five injured today in a wreck of the Scotch express.

In anticipation of a busy night all the members of the police force will be on duty this evening. A good deal of license will be allowed the public, but any throwing of flour, talcum powder or snuff or the discharge of firecrackers will be severely punished. The police have been informed that certain persons propose establishing a precedent here by throwing snuff, but if any of them are caught at this objectionable practice they will find that their game is not quite "up to snuff." Anyway, they will regret it.

THIS EVENING AT SACHS'

Sachs' Big Store will give away this evening with every purchase of \$2.00 or more a beautiful hand-tinted fan. There will also be gifts for children accompanied by their parents.

GAS KILLS SIX.

KENTON, Ohio, December 24.—Six persons were found dead in their rooms in a hotel here. It is supposed that they were poisoned by fumes from a gas stove.

READY FOR A COUNTY BUILDING

All arrangements are now well in hand for the Malthini Christmas Tree on Monday next. The committee of ladies worked until eleven o'clock last night, and thus finished up all there was for them to do. This morning wooden buckets of sugar and candy were deposited in the Senate chamber as contributions towards the tree, and all that the committee wants is fine weather. Given this and success is assured. The committee can do no more than it has done. The tree will be planted on the front steps of the Capitol building, and it is safe to assume that many hundreds of children will be looking eagerly forward to Monday morning; this morning several of them could not resist the impulse to go and have a peek at what was going on, but their bravery was not equal to their curiosity and they did not get within sight of the stacks of good things that were reposing in the corner; they had to be content with a sight of the buckets of candy that were being delivered.

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CHICAGO BANKER WARNS HIS FRIENDS AGAINST HONOLULU

The following warning against Honolulu, with the "reverse English," is from the Chicago Daily News of December 9. About the only statement of Banker Hulbert which may be disputed is where he says the leading banks here are headed by Scotchmen. How he came to think so it would be curious to learn, but it may be suspected he ran against Banker Damon's Caledonian phalanx:

"Bankers, beware of Honolulu! It's the looting spot of the world, and you'll be too lazy to work when you get back—if you come at all."

This is the advice of E. D. Hulbert, vice president of the Merchants' Loan and Trust company, who returned to Chicago today after a solid month passed in what he calls the "beauty" life of the Pacific.

"The worst place in the world for a man with ambition to go," the banker announced cheerfully to a reporter for The Daily News who "flipped" the fast Overland limited on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad at West Chicago and rode into the city with him. "I certainly had a delightful time, but I'm in considerable doubt whether I wish to go back to work or not. I hesitated about coming back at all."

Mr. Hulbert described the Hawaiian Islands as the "strongest possession of the United States." He made particular reference to the small number of Americans resident in the islands. As his trip was solely for pleasure he had ample time to study such matters.

"It is really an amazing thing to contemplate," continued Mr. Hulbert. "Think of an American possession, boasting 200,000 inhabitants—and fewer than 5,000 Americans. The reason is simple. As I have hinted there's really nothing for a man to do when he gets there—except enjoy himself. He can do that to his heart's content and will so thoroughly do it that he won't feel like returning. But as for locating there for business purposes—it's out of the question."

"The islands are for the most part immense sugar plantations. There is considerable American capital invested in these plantations, too, but I believe not so much as foreign capital. Outside of entering the sugar business there's nothing one can go into."

"How about the banks? Did you find primitive conditions existing in that line?"

"Not at all," was the reply. "They

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A CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

WILL SABIN.

Sat a lady in a carriage which she'd steered close to the curb
That the passage of a trolley car her rig would not disturb;
Sudden saw she on the railway as the car came rushing by
E'en a piece of timber lying—and she made an earnest try—
Tried to shift the stick of firewood with her whip whose bending tip
Nipped and nodded at the object which the trolley could not skip.
At the moment last preceding the arrival of the car
Quick her whip removed obstruction—Christmas spirit? There you are!

Bowed the motorman politely; even raised his hat to her.
Smiled she queenly at his motion; perfect she in all the stir;
And the car ran smoothly onward; naught did any stick disturb.
While the lady, fair, triumphant, turned her steed from out the curb.

Little deeds like this, of kindness; life's and love's foundation stones,
Seem to teach us and remind us naught that's good remains alone.
Born there was on earth's first Christmas one whose loveliness of mind
Found its root in courteous doings, flowering in a love sublime.
Men and women we, advancing, all along life's rugged way,
Every moment's act enhancing what we do and what we say;
More than men and more than women, doing best what each we can,
Let us learn at least this lesson: Christ was first a gentleman.

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